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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE EVALUATION (INFCE)

REF: (A) STATE 184505, (B) BONN 13298, (C) BRASILIA 6032 (NOTAL),
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1. WE ADVISED FOREIGN MINISTRY (ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT AND AMB. CAVALCANTI-MINISTER SILVEIRA'S SPECIAL ADVISOR FOR BILATERAL AFFAIRS) OF OUR DESIRE TO MAKE ANOTHER APPROACH ON INFCE ON RECEIPT OF REF A. WE WERE REQUESTED TO SEND COPY OF TEXT OF INFCE TERMS-OF-REFERENCE(REF. A-PARAS 3 AND 4) TO CAVALCANTI AND TO MAKE PRESENTATION TO NEW CHIEF OF ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT MINISTER CARLOS AUGUSTO PROENCA (PRONOUNCED PRO-EN-SA) ROSA - WEEK OF AUGUST 21.

2. ON AUGUST 22, SCICOU N MET WITH PROENCA ROSA, AMB. CABRAL DE MELLO (DEPARTING CHIEF ECON DEPT. - NEW GOB AMBASSADOR TO AUSTRIA
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AND IAEA), AND MARCELO DIDIER (LIKELY TO BE SENIOR ADVISOR TO PROENCA ROSA ON NUCLEAR AND OTHER ENERGY AFFAIRS) TO DELIVER AND EXPLAIN TEXT OF INFCE T-O-R. CABRAL DE MELLO WAS PRINCIPAL QUESTIONER AND SPOKESMAN FOR BRAZILIAN SIDE. HE WENT QUICKLY THROUGH POINTS OF TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC SCOPE BUT READ ENTIRE ORGANIZATION SECTION ALOUD, WITH APPARENT SATISFACTION. HE QUESTIONED FUTURE ROLE OF LONDON SUMMIT GROUP AND COMMITMENT OF ITS MEMBERS TO INFCE

PARTICIPATION AND WAS GIVEN ANSWERS OF REF A. IN RESPONSE TO QUERY ON EFFECT OF US/BRAZIL NUCLEAR POLICY DIFFERENCES AND PROBLEMS, SCICOUN POINTED OUT THAT DIFFERENCES ALSO EXIST BETWEEN USG AND SOME OTHER COUNTRIES BUT WERE NOT VIEWED BY US AS BARRIER TO INFCE PARTICIPATION.

3. CABRAL DE MELLO RAISED QUESTION OF ANGRA I FUEL SUPPLY AND STATED, WITH SOME EMPHASIS, THAT IN ABSENCE OF ANY NOTIFICATION TO FURNAS OR OFFICIAL STATEMENT TO FONMIN, GOB EXPECTED FUEL TO BE DELIVERED IN NOVEMBER ON SCHEDULE, "UNOFFICIAL" STATE DEPAT COMMENTS "TO PRESS (REF. D) NOTWITHSTANDING. HE SAID THAT IF USG WAS PLANNING A VISIT BY AMB. GERARD SMITH BEFORE LICENSING THE FUEL SHIPMENT, GOB WOULD HOPE TO BE ADVISED OF THIS VERY SOON. SCICOUN RESPONDED THAT EMBASSY HAD NOTHING DEFINITE ON FUEL SHIPMENT AT THIS TIME.

4. FONMIN MADE NO SUBSTANTIVE COMMENTS ON INFCE TEXT, AREAS OF SPECIAL INTEREST, OR POSSIBLE GOB ROLE IN INFCE NOR ANY COMMITMENT TO RESPOND. WE BELIEVE GOB IS GIVING CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO INFCE PARTICIPATION AND WILL ATTEND LAUNCHING MEETING, IF INVITATION IS EXTENDED WITHOUT REQUIRING PRIOR COMMITMENTS, UNLESS US/BRAZIL RELATIONS ARE EXACERBATED BY PROBLEM OF ANGRA I FUEL SUPPLY. WE DO NOT REALLY EXPECT ANY SUBSTANTIVE GOB RESPONSE ON INFCE PRIOR TO LAUNCHING MEETING.

5. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION WITH CAVALCANTI HE SAID GOB WOULD MAKE CONFIDENTIAL

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EVERY EFFORT TO FIND IT POSSIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN INFCE BUT HE CAUTIONED AGAINST US EXPECTATIONS OF A SIGNIFICANT CONCURRED OUT-COME FROM EFFORT. IN AREA OF SUCH VITAL NATIONAL INTERST, POLITICAL ISSUES WILL DOMINATE OVER TECHNICAL ONES AND LOGIC (NOT ONLY FOR BRAZIL BUT FOR MANY OTHERS), HE ADDED "BRAZIL EXPECTS INFCE TO TURN INTO A NUCLEAR CIEC".

6. WITH REGARD TO REF B, WE BELIEVE THAT GOB AND FRG ARE IN CLOSE CONTACT ON ALL NUCLEAR MATTERS, INCLUDING INFCE, AND THAT GOB VIEWS ARE WELL KNOWN TO FRG EVEN IF LIMITED IN DISTRIBUTION WITHIN FOREIGN OFFICE. WE THEREFORE RECOMMEND CAUTIOUS APPROACH IN BONN'S INTERPRETATION OF GOB POSITION FOR FRG OFFICIALS. FROM SEVERAL REMARKS, WE ALSO BELIEVE GOB IS WELL AWARE OF POSITIONS OF OTHER COUNTRIES (ESPECIALLY FRANCE AND JAPAN) ON INFCE ISSUES.
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